

Organists' Convention Due at Philadelphia July 26-29 Inclusive

By JESSIE MacBRIDE

The National Association of Organists will hold a convention in Philadelphia, with headquarters at Wanamaker's, from July 26-29, inclusive. This will be the fourteenth annual convention of this group of organists. The sessions, except the business meeting, will be open to all lovers of music.

It was in Philadelphia, thirty years ago, that the first American group of advanced organ players was formed into the American Organ Players' Club. Shortly afterwards, in 1890, the American Guild of Organists was formed. But the youngest body, the National Association of Organists, was the first to hold conventions, where all organ problems should be touched, and eminent players should be heard. The first was in 1903, at Ocean Grove, N. J. Since then various cities, from Portland, Me., to Pittsburgh, have been the scene of these interesting and constructive meetings.

FEATURES OF CONVENTION.

There are three outstanding features of this convention, the practical talks on organ tone and construction, the recitals, and the round table conferences on the vocation of the organist. Realizing the great need for more practical knowledge of the organ, a series of demonstrations of tone and mechanism will be given by Ernest M. Skinner, William E. Haskell and Herbert Brown.

The intricate details of great organ at Wanamaker's will be revealed under Alexander Russell's guidance, and, following a supper to all delegates, at which Rodman Wanamaker will be host, Charles M. Courbois, the Belgian virtuoso organist, will play that splendid instrument for the delegates and the general public.

The members may also have the unique opportunity of hearing organ music by wireless telephone, played 350 miles away on the Carnegie Institute organ at Pittsburgh. The organist, Charles Heister, has successfully employed this wonderful device, being easily heard at long distances, and it is expected that Wanamaker's receiving station will bring the sound of this organ to the entire audience.

Other well-known recitalists will be

New Orleans Belle In Creole Dress At Recital



EDNA THOMAS.

As a Creole belle of 1860, in a costume recital of folk songs of that period. If the apparel of the past is to be revived, Miss Thomas gives a striking illustration of the march of time in the evolution of the modern woman in America.

choirmaster of Trinity E. L. Church of this city, experts to attend the convention, taking with him several Washington organists who are interested in the advancement of organ music. Mr. Thieme hopes to establish a D. C. Chapter of the N. A. O. AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS.

The American Guild of Organists closed an active season on Tuesday evening, June 21, when officers from the headquarters in New York City came in a delegation to the District Chapter for the meeting at the Ebbitt Hotel, which was followed by a social hour and a buffet supper in the gold room.

This was the first time such an

AMONG MUSICIANS

Vacationing.
Vacationing is the slogan among musicians of Washington in nearby haunts of hills and woodland, or in far-off resorts that invite more invigorating breezes and that extend from Maine to California.

Yet all is not as idle as a summer's fancy, for these music folk. Letters come in of study and progress, that will find its echo in Washington studios next winter.

Miss Styron In Concord.

Sade Styron, pianist, is summering at Colonial Inn, Concord, Mass., near the haunts of Emerson in the quaint New England town. She, with Blanche Polk, are the Washingtonians in the summer school of Thomas Whitney Surette that has seventy-five artist-students from all over this country and Canada. "Each season is begun by singing Bach," Miss Styron writes. "There is a fine orchestra of students and some professionals—professionals, of course, doing the final performance of the string works we are studying. "There are two baby grand pianos at our disposal in a lovely room—the vestry of the Unitarian church, here, where we hold our meetings." Miss Styron will remain at Concord until July 21.

Barnet Breeskin Plays Again.

On last Monday evening, Barnet Breeskin, the boy violinist, and son of Daniel Breeskin, gave another violin recital at the N. E. temple, presenting the same program he played so successfully at the Synagogue at Sixth and I streets, northwest. Barnet was accompanied by Miss Dora Minovitch, who is a young pianist with special sympathy in ensemble work.

official visit had been paid the local chapter, but Victor Baier, Mus. Doc. A. G. O., and its present Warden, said he was adopting this novel plan to get in closer touch with the chapter throughout the country. With Mr. Baier were Oscar Franklyn Comstock, F. A. G. O., who is the present general secretary in New York, and Miles I. A. Martin, F. A. G. O., the present General Treasurer. Mr. Comstock is well known here, having been the organizer of this chapter of the A. G. O., and having been actively engaged in the music world of the city for a number of years.

Warden Baier explained the importance of the guild, urging a larger membership. This membership is not obtained through examination, he said, the very rigid examinations of the Guild being for the purpose of obtaining degrees—a much coveted title of excellence, entitling the holder to the degree of an Associate, or a Fellow of the Guild, as put in the abbreviated form of A. A. G. O. and F. A. G. O.

Mr. Baier commended the local chapter for its season's activities, with three recitals given by noted concert organists, Edwin Arthur Kraft of Cleveland, Charles M. Courbois of Syracuse, and Lynnwood Farnum of New York City, besides the many excellent concerts by local organists.

Frederick L. Erickson, Dean of the Maryland Chapter, at Baltimore, made a short address, and Mr. Comstock also spoke. The meeting was presided over by Dean Wilson, of the D. C. Chapter.

Americans Donate Prizes.

REGINA, Saskatchewan, July 14.—Prizes in several of the cattle show sections at the Regina summer fair will be augmented by a gift from the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association, according to announcement. The American association will also duplicate, dollar for dollar, the prizes won by American shorthorns which may be shown at the Regina Fair.

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